



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 29, 2002

### **H.R. 2867** **Small Business Opportunity Enhancement Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on April 17, 2002*

H.R. 2867 would amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to report contracting disputes between itself and other federal agencies to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for resolution. Such disputes are currently resolved by each contracting agency. In addition, the bill also would increase the solicitation period for bundled contracts (multiple contracts combined into a single procurement contract) from 30 days to at least 60 days.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2867 would cost less than \$500,000 a year, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. There is no comprehensive information concerning the annual number of contract disputes involving SBA and other federal agencies, but CBO does not expect that the requirements of this bill would lead to significant increased costs for the OMB. In addition, CBO expects the new minimum 60-day solicitation period for bundled contracts would have no significant cost. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2867 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect state, local, or tribal governments.

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